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## New problems seen delaying resolution of Nabatiya crisis

By ANAN SAFADI, Post Middle East Affairs Editor

Nabatiya, crisis still appears to be a long one. Although the forces from the area, fresh from the recent fighting, are already beginning to move back to their original positions, the crisis is unlikely to be entirely resolved before the arrival of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, who is due in Jerusalem tomorrow on the first of a station Middle East tour. The crisis will also take him to Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Lebanon.

There is also the issue of the Palestine Liberation Organization forces, whom the Syrians have allowed to remain in a number of southern Lebanese bastions. One of these is the ancient Crusader fortress of Beaufort, which is equipped with 155 mm. Howitzers overlooking the border with Israel.

A more immediate controversy is over the Syrian intention to replace their troops in the Nabatiya region with units from the "Vanguards of the Lebanese Army." This army, made up of the remnants of Lebanon's disintegrated armoured and air forces, was reorganized by Damascus to fight alongside the Syrians in the last phase of Lebanon's 20-month civil war.

Christian militias in southern Lebanon, not to mention Israeli officials, view the introduction of the "Vanguards" with suspicion since they remain semi-independent of the Lebanese state security forces. Israel has said only these forces would be tolerated in the south.

Syrian troops yesterday were reported to be "changing positions" in the Nabatiya district, rather than withdrawing from there. One Lebanese reporter was quoted as saying that the (predominantly Syrian) Arab League peace-keeping troops were pulling out for Nabatiya towards Jezz. But he added that other units "which may be a relief force," were moving southward.

In an obvious bid to play down Syria's acquiescence in pulling back from Nabatiya, a spokesman for the overall Arab force yesterday issued a statement saying that Syrian troop movements were motivated by "security considerations."

"Movement of the Arab deterrent forces anywhere in Lebanon is dictated purely by security considerations... regardless of their interpretation internally or externally," the statement said.

Meanwhile, the Syrian troops in Lebanon appear preoccupied with the implementation of an Arab League-sponsored plan for further curbs on the PLO's military and political activity in Beirut.

The Saudi representative on a Beirut committee (whose other representatives are from Syria, Egypt and Kuwait) said "the implementation of the 1969 Cairo agreement has begun." The revised version of this agreement calls for restricting the PLO presence in populated Lebanese areas and relocating the Palestinian refugee camps which are now adjacent to Lebanese cities.

The PLO's military leadership warned yesterday of renewed fighting in Beirut unless the Syrian peace-keeping forces ceased up on their combouts. There were exchanges of heavy artillery fire between peace-keeping troops and PLO forces in the refugee camps south of Beirut over the weekend.

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## Rabin: Syrian moves meant test us and Carter

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Sivan Vardi  
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Making it clear, in this way, that the "understanding" between Israel, Syria and Lebanon had only been reached in its first stage, Rabin did not say that the Syrians planned to return to their original line, although he stressed that such would remain Israel's demand.

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon surveyed the various diplomatic contacts held since the Syrian battalion first moved south to Nabatiya. The IDF intelligence chief Ahuf Shlomo Gazit surveyed the situation in the field, now that the Syrians were on the move. Defence Minister Shimon Peres said the pullback could and indeed must help ease tensions in southern Lebanon.

GENEVA AND WALTHAM  
Allon, summing up Dr. Kurt Waldheim's visit to Jerusalem last week, said he had told the UN Secretary-General that not all the meetings which formed part of the Geneva Conference complex need take place in Geneva proper.

Not a single agreement concluded since the Yom Kippur War with Egypt on the one hand and Syria on the other had fallen outside the compass of the Geneva Conference. All these agreements specified as their basis the same Security Council resolution 338 which was the basis of the Geneva Conference, Waldheim had been told.

While Waldheim had been told that Israel would not accept the PLO at Geneva in any guise, he had been assured that Israel would accept Palestinian representatives from the West Bank inside the delegation of Jordan.

## ny won't confirm pullback reports

Post Military Reporter  
The Israeli army last night refused to comment on reports that the Syrians had started their pullback from the Golan Heights to a point some 10 km. west of the town.

However, one source told The Jerusalem Post: "We have no reason to doubt that the reports are correct."

The military force deployed by the Syrians in the area was roughly a battalion of commandos, backed by 10 tanks and several dozen tracked vehicles. The total number of Syrian soldiers involved in the move is about 500 officers and men.

In Tiberias Ariel Sharon, head of the Shomron movement, yesterday told voters he too did not believe the Syrians were really withdrawing any troops from Southern Lebanon.

## Rhodesian defence minister quits - victim of unpopular call-up

REGINALD COWPER  
Rhodesian defence minister Reginald Cowper today announced his resignation, becoming a victim of a popular call-up to the armed forces to help with the armed forces.

Cowper, in his statement yesterday, blamed "inaccurate and exaggerated reporting" for the public outcry.

Whoever succeeds Cowper will have more unpopular decisions to implement, possibly including measures to increase the military commitment of men aged 38 to 50.

Business leaders also have rejected these proposals.

(UPT)

tion to Prime Minister Ian Smith on Friday, said his political demise "was neither sought nor suggested by the Prime Minister."

The resignation came amid widespread accusations, even by Parliament members of Smith's Rhodesian Front Party, that the government is not providing sufficient leadership as Rhodesia seeks an acceptable majority rule settlement.

In recent weeks, the acrimonious nation-wide controversy has focused on the measures introduced by Cowper's ministry to put more fighting men in the bush.

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## Police solve murder in Holon petrol station hold-up

THREE MEN  
Armed robbers yesterday in a daylight hold-up of three clerks on their way to the bank, police reported.

A separate development, the announced yesterday they had recovered the stolen safe with contents and the arrest of six suspects brought to a close the investigation of the armed robbery in a night watchman was beaten to death.

Thuvu robbery took place at a.m. as Yehzekel Shevrit, manager of the Thuvu chicken plant, was driving with two along Rehov Greenstein to the Yehzekel Shevrit. A blue Ford suddenly came out of a side and blocked their path.

of the robbers, his face with a stocking cap, leaped the car and pointed an Uzi submachine gun at the three. He took the money as

the driver of the Ford covered the victims with a pistol.

The sacks contained IL200,000 in cash and IL600,000 in cheques.

The three holdup men quickly disappeared down Rehov Quichschil, but an alert pedestrian jotted down the Cortina license number. A check revealed that the car had been stolen from a Bat Yam resident.

A special staff has been set up under the command of Pakad Dan Shemesh to investigate.

Speaking on Israel Radio, Haim Tabari, the newly-appointed inspector-general of Police, criticized Thuvu for transferring large sums without adequate safeguards in a vehicle designed for transporting milk products. Thuvu said the practice was routine.

Meanwhile two men robbed the Pas station in Rehov Aluf Sade in Givatayim at about 6.30 a.m. yesterday.

An employee, Yom-Tov Gervus,

was counting the weekend's receipts when two masked men entered his office. One held a pistol on him while the other seized the money. The two then ran off. Gervus snatched a pistol from his desk and shot at the two, but missed.

Since January, there have been two other robberies of petrol stations.

In an effort to check the rising rate of robberies in Tel Aviv, police have stepped up patrols of petrol stations and jewellery and diamond polishing shops. Butressing regular police are border patrol units.

Tim reported yesterday that the vault of a Bank Leumi branch in Tiberias was broken into over the weekend, but the burglars only got away with some documents. The thieves, who spent several hours inside the bank, left behind two oxygen tanks after failing to break into the safes that contained cash and negotiables.

## Gov't greets Vance, due in Jerusalem tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Staff

The government yesterday extended a formal welcome to the new U.S. Secretary of State, Cyrus Vance, due in Jerusalem tomorrow at the start of a Middle East tour. "We hope for fruitful talks that will strengthen the friendship and cooperation between the two states," an official Cabinet statement declared.

Foreign Minister Allon had told the Cabinet earlier that the visit would probably be more of a getting-acquainted foray than a round of substantive negotiations.

Israel, said Allon, will restate its basic positions - favouring overall peace talks as the best alternative at this stage but prepared, too, for end-of-the-war talks. Israel will stress its conviction that the only viable solution to the Palestinian problem is the Jordanian solution.

Israel will favour Palestinian Arabs from the West Bank participating in a Jordanian delegation to the Geneva peace talks, but will oppose any PLO participation in view of the PLO's "National Convention" which calls for Israel's destruction.

The Cabinet did not manage to hold a full-scale debate on the Vance visit yesterday for lack of time, but a number of ministers managed to make related points in the course of the explanations they had sought from the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister.

The ILP's Gideon Hausner (Minister without Portfolio) said that the U.S. must surely understand Israel's need for arrangements providing secure borders. After all, the U.S. ensured its own security by keeping troops beyond its borders - in Europe, for instance.

Hausner urged that Israel press for negotiations towards an overall peace which would be implemented stage by stage. The talks with Syria should reflect the realities of 1977 in the Middle East, and not just Israel's existing stands, Hausner said.

The ILP's Moshe Kol (Tourism and Mapam's Victor Shemtov (Health), who had demanded a Cabinet discussion on the entire Palestine issue, were persuaded to wait till next Sunday's Cabinet session when Rabin promised this would head the agenda.

Shemtov said that the peaceful and constructive Palestinian element, as distinct from the PLO, must play an independent role in future talks alongside Jordan, and not as a junior partner in the Jordan delegation.

Kol demanded to know what was behind the recent statements by senior ministers such as Shimon Peres (Defence), Yigal Allon (Foreign Affairs) and Yisrael Galili (without portfolio) about the need to contemplate more interim agreements. Rabin replied there was nothing immediate or substantive behind them, since the first priority was to seek an overall peace, and the second to negotiate an end to the state of war.

## Plot to blow up Vance plane

KUWAIT. - A plot to blow up Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's jetliner when he visits Beirut this week has been uncovered in Lebanon, the newspaper "Al-Kabab" reported here yesterday.

Quoting travellers from Lebanon, the paper said that the plotters, members of the dissident "Black June" terrorist group, were rounded up by members of Fatah and the pro-Syrian Sa'eka.

According to the newspaper, the plotters had planned their attack for Friday, when Vance is due to arrive in Beirut as part of his Middle East tour.

(Black June, aligned with the "rejection front" of Palestinian terrorist organizations, names itself after the month in 1976 when Syrian forces intervened in Lebanon. It staged attacks last year on the Semiramis Hotel in Damascus and the Intercontinental Hotel in Amman, in both of which troops stormed the hotels to free hostages held by the terrorists.)

The Post's Middle East Affairs Editor notes:

The Lebanese authorities had made clear that the fighting at the refugee camps in the Beirut southern quarter must end under inter-PLO differences over surrendering heavy weapons to the predominantly Syrian Arab League peace-keeping troops, who eventually moved in to confiscate the arms by force.

The story in "Al-Kabab" is believed to have been channelled by Arafat's associates, who obviously were "making to bolster the PLO chief's 'moderate' reputation and give him 'an American credit'."

At a press conference in Holon yesterday, Nitzav Moshe Tiomkin, commander of the Tel Aviv district police, described how four men had robbed the "Hasayarin" petrol station in Holon and murdered the night watchman. He said they overpowered Sajar al-Hariri and, with a crowbar, removed the safe which was imbedded in the concrete floor.

When the watchman tried to escape, the robbers pursued him, beat him to death with the crowbar and a pistol, and dropped the body in an irrigation ditch near the station.

The five men and a woman arrested include three Beduin, a Druse youth and a Jew. The safe was found unopened in a junk yard. The robbers had apparently made several unsuccessful attempts to crack it.

Had they succeeded, said Tiomkin, they would have been greatly disappointed. Instead of the IL200,000 the robbers reportedly expected to find, the safe only contained IL1,000 in cash and IL504 in cheques.

## Accord reached on wage-price freeze

### Gov't-Histadrut in late night parley

By GIDION ESHET, Post Economic Reporter

Representatives of the Government and the Histadrut last night reached agreement on a moratorium on wages, taxes and prices, which will remain in effect until the end of June.

This was reported to The Jerusalem Post last night by participants in the negotiating session which took place at the Prime Minister's Office in Tel Aviv and which had not yet ended at press time.

The Government rejected a Histadrut demand to extend the moratorium until mid-July, but relented on the issue of pending wage negotiations, on which the Histadrut stood its ground. It agreed that such talks could take place, provided that the agreement thus reached would go into effect only after June.

According to the agreement, all prices are to be frozen except seasonal prices of fruit and vegetables.

No Government fees, including those for radio and television licenses, would be raised during the freeze period, nor will local rates be raised.

The Government will make efforts to maintain the profitability of exports - though creeping devaluations will proceed at a slower pace. Incentives will be increased, especially for the group with the highest dollar value-added (86 per cent or more). Dividends to be paid during the freeze period may not be higher than those paid during 1976.

The deal is to be tabled in the Knesset. Should the legislature fail to approve it, the Government intends to implement the deal through Emergency Defence Regulations.

Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Histadrut secretary-general Yerubam Meshel took part in last

night's talks held at the Prime Minister's Tel Aviv office.

With industrialists having turned down the proposed package deal last week, the Government and Histadrut heads felt their own agreement would be reached quickly, but disagreement on wage negotiations during the moratorium period proved an obstacle.

The Cabinet yesterday appointed a negotiating team to meet with the Histadrut, with all but two ministers in favour.

The two objectors were Tourism Minister Moshe Kol and Minister without Portfolio Gideon Hausner, both of the ILP, who abstained. Hausner felt the freeze would solve no problems and would in fact increase the problem in the moratorium's aftermath. Kol objected to the deal as unclear. He said the Government had retreated on the labour front, and had no guarantee the deal would be adhered to, since apparently the Histadrut had little control over the workers.

Other ministers also had criticisms: Transport Minister Gad Yashari felt it came too late and was too narrow in scope. But he supported it as being better than no deal at all, in view of the economy's critical state. Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev warned that the freeze could not last more than three or four months. He had a bitter pill for the industrialists, saying they would have to absorb price rises of raw materials without increasing the prices of their products.

After hours of talks last night it appeared the package deal was not yet ready for conclusion, as the final - and major - stumbling block of wage negotiations had not been overcome. Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and the Government insisted that the four-month freeze

would mean no wage talks; those already under way would have to be referred to the newly-established Institute for Voluntary Arbitration, headed by Justice Zvi Berenson.

The Histadrut's negotiators would not accept this. They insisted that there be no disruption of contract talks: "We are dealing with people and their problems. Talks should not stop," Meshel told reporters last night.

Eventually, accord was reached. The no-talks demand was seen by informed circles as a concession of sorts to the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations, headed by Manufacturers Association president Avraham ("Buma") Shavit - whom the Government still hoped to win over as partners in the package deal, to smooth the way for its passage through the Knesset.

There were no reactions to the four-month deal from most of the larger works committees or union chiefs by last night, except for Gustav Badian, head of the 15,000-strong engineers union, which is scheduled to strike Thursday. He considered the deal a "sad joke" which would solve nothing.

A reaction from an Opposition leader came yesterday from the Likud's Simcha Ehrlich (Liberal), who told reporters the package deal was nothing but an elections smoke-screen, since neither of the partners would be able to implement it. The Government could not increase taxes anyway, as it could not muster a majority in the Knesset, he said, and the Histadrut's record on strikes was even poorer - 78 per cent of the strikes held last year were held despite opposition or lack of backing from the labour federation, he said.

The Histadrut Central Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday to approve the package deal. But observers doubted this would placate the more than 70,000 employees in various unions and declared labour disputes and are scheduled to strike in the coming days.

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## 'Full understanding' from U.S. leaders, says Dinitz

Jerusalem Post Reporter

U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Vice-President Walter Mondale have not yet formulated any definite plans for handling the Middle East dispute and will only get down to concrete terms after the leaders of the states in the area have visited Washington.

Reporting this to the Cabinet yesterday, Washington ambassador Simcha Dinitz said Carter and Mondale stressed that they would work hand in hand with Israel whatever course they decided to adopt.

The two U.S. leaders demonstrated full understanding for this country's situation and showed every concern for its security, Dinitz said. They had adopted a positive approach to Israel's demands about southern Lebanon, on increasing the aid allocation to Israel, and on denying the PLO representative the right to stay in the U.S., he said.

The American refusal to sanction sales of Kfir warplanes to Ecuador was part of President Carter's global policy on reducing arms sales to certain regions, and there was nothing anti-Israel in the step, Dinitz said. Carter's decision to delay the sale of the cluster bombs in order to review the entire matter was also part of a global policy, and not inimical in any sense, he said.

In both cases there was still hope that Israel would finally attain its

objective, he believed. As regards cluster bombs, he told the Ministers, they had not been sold to any foreign country, not even in Nato. The U.S. itself was not sure whether its own armed forces should use the weapon.

Israel's chief, Dinitz said, that it was the only purchaser country potentially at risk. The cluster bomb was not a "dirty weapon," Israel argued. Its user might be "civilian" if he dropped the bomb on civilians, but as it happened, Israel needed the cluster bomb most urgently for use against a legitimate military target - missile batteries.

Dinitz said that he had organized 23 conversations with various levels of the Administration concerning the sale of Kfir war planes to Ecuador before the Administration banned the sale, and five conversations after the ban. In addition he had organized numerous contacts in the Congressional sphere.

Dinitz assured Ministers that Israel enjoyed just as "intimate" relations with the Carter Administration as with its predecessors. This Administration stressed equality in foreign relations, whether it was a matter of South Africa, Chile, rights for Soviet Jewry, protection of dissidents in Communist lands, or the arms race, Dinitz said. Israel must grasp this characteristic of the new leadership in Washington when it analysed Carter's policies and actions.

## U.S. won't reconsider Kfir deal just yet

By HIRSH GOODMAN, Post Military Reporter

The Americans - for the present, at least - refuse to discuss the U.S. stance on the sale of Kfir jets to Ecuador, and this will not be one of the subjects in the talks with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance when he arrives here tomorrow.

It is understood that, at this stage, any further discussion on the re-export of American technology is senseless.

With regard to the sale of CU-72 cluster bombs to Israel - originally promised by the Ford Administration and now under re-appraisal by the State Department - Vance is expected to tell Israeli leaders that no final stand has yet been taken.

It is expected that he will say that the final assessment on the sale will be made by the State Department only some time after his return to the U.S. from the Middle East.

With regard to the Kfir deal, the Americans claim that over 50 per cent of its systems, including the plane's engine, aluminium parts and avionics, are either of U.S. manufacture, or manufactured under licence from the U.S., and that under no circumstances will the current Administration allow a breach in the ironclad rule of not allowing advanced American technology to be sold to South American countries.

Other sources, however, have not ruled out the possibility that, in future, American permission for the re-export of technology to South American countries will be linked to political developments in this region. They point out that control over hundreds of millions of dollars in potential Israeli exports was "not an insignificant card to hold."

They made the claim, however, that Vance had no intention of using "the card" on his current visit.

The Israeli argument that, if Kfir is not sold to Ecuador, other manufacturers will enter the market with arms just as sophisticated, has not been effective with the Americans, nor were similar arguments by American manufacturers wishing to enter the market in the past.

"It was tremendously frustrating for us," one representative of a very large American aviation firm told The Post, to watch the French selling Mirage in South America while

we were not even permitted to approach the area."

Several sources contacted yesterday believed that the Israel request for permission to sell Ecuador the Kfir was turned down for two reasons: America is committed to a policy of not allowing advanced U.S. technology to reach South America, and the entire negotiating process was handled very poorly by Israel.

With regard to the first point it was pointed out that even though the Americans have suggested the F-5B to Ecuador, the plane is commonly called the "U.S. give-away" and void of any advanced systems and sophistication. American manufacturers were refused permission to send out feelers on planes such as the Phantom F-4, and it would have opened a Pandora's box with the American aviation industry. It was explained, if Israel had received permission to market the Kfir in Ecuador.

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## Asher Yadlin trial today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The trial of Asher Yadlin will take place today at the Tel Aviv District Court. The suspended Kipat Holim chief, who has been in custody for nearly four months, is charged with accepting bribes worth a total of IL260,000. His sister, Sarah Harl, is also accused of taking bribes and of arranging a bribe for another person.

At an earlier hearing, both Yadlin and his sister pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The charges against Yadlin fall under three broad headings:

- the "Erichman complex" - deals involving his former lover Hava Erlichman. The prosecution will seek to prove five cases of bribery and one of evasion of a land betterment tax.
- the "Goshen complex" - real estate deals for Kipat Holim involving lawyer Haim Goshen in which Yadlin allegedly received kickbacks. There are 27 separate deals referred to in the charge sheet.
- the "Elison complex" - Yadlin and his sister allegedly received a \$40,000 kickback from a Solel Boneh subsidiary, headed by Mordechai Elison, as part of a deal between the subsidiary and Kipat Holim.

Premier's race 'wide open'

By JOSHUA BRILLANT, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Ten days before the Labour Party's convention nominates the party's candidate for the premiership, neither competitor is assured of a majority.

Associates of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Defence Minister Shimon Peres report meetings and declarations of support, but many delegates have not yet made up their minds, some waver, and some tell each candidate they will vote for him.

A source in Rabin's camp estimated that some 20 to 30 per cent of the candidates are not fully committed.

Meanwhile Labour Minister Moshe Baran and Knesset Members Adi Yaffe, Haim Shimon, Yehiel Leket and some 100 delegates from the Jerusalem region called upon Rabin. The group's leaders and many of the participants declared support for Rabin for another term of office. Leket, the new MK, said that Rabin "may unify the party and produce an electoral victory."

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Haifa Port	37	10-22	24
Tiberias	49	8-23	25
Nazareth	44	11-21	23
Afula	41	8-23	25
Shomron	31	12-22	23
Tel Aviv	32	10-25	27
B-G Airport	40	8-28	29
Jericho	36	8-27	29
Gaza	74	10-22	25
Sderoth	21	8-25	28
Eilat	16	14-30	31
Tiran Straits	20	15-28	30

**SOCIAL & PERSONAL**

The President, Professor Ephraim Katzir, yesterday received a UJA delegation from New Jersey.

The Swiss Ambassador and Mrs. Jacques Bernard Ruedi, visited Haifa yesterday and were received by Mayor Zeisel at the Town Hall.

Professor Shlomo Avineri, Director-general of the Foreign Ministry, and Professor Michael Michaeli are to be awarded the Tel Aviv Municipality's Peretz Nappi prizes for economic and social research at a ceremony on February 23. Professor Avineri won his prize for his study of Hegel's theory of State, and Professor Michaeli for his book on Israel's foreign trade policies and development problems.

Hanna Marron is to speak (in English) on Israel Theatre at a meeting of the Rebecca Steiff English-Speaking WIZO Group, 100 Rehov Arlosoroff, Tel Aviv, at 3.30 today.

**In Memoriam**

A large crowd yesterday attended a memorial ceremony for Abraham Stern "Yair," commander of the Lehi underground movement, on the 38th anniversary of his death. Tel Aviv Chief Rabbi Yehida Frankel conducted the service at the Nahalat Yitzhak cemetery in Tel Aviv and Avraham's son, Yair, read Kaddish. The ceremony was attended by Knesset Members, ex-Lehi members and family.

**Doctors to Britain**

B-G AIRPORT. — A delegation of doctors, headed by Professor Haim Doron, chairman of "Kupat Holim," left for London yesterday at the invitation of the British Chief Scientist. During their five days of talks, the doctors will hold discussions on medical research, the organization of medical services and hospital economics. (Him)



Cerebral palsy victims learn skills in the special kindergartens operated by Ilan, the Israel Foundation for Handicapped Children, which is conducting its annual fund-raising campaign today. (Arie Kantor)

**Almogi to endorse Adi Yaffe as Agency director-general**

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jewish Agency Executive chairman Yosef Almogi will today endorse Labour MK Aviad Yaffe for director-general of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization.

But Yaffe still has a number of hurdles to bound before he wins the position, which has been vacant for the past month following Moshe Rivlin's transfer to the chairmanship of the Jewish National Fund.

Almogi was empowered by the Agency Board of Governors several months ago to suggest candidates. At a closed meeting of the Zionist Executive this afternoon, he is expected to announce his support for Yaffe (an Agency insider, involved in the Sapir Fund).

Other men who have presented their candidacy are: Aluf (res.) Abraham Doron (adviser to Almogi); Ze'ev Shashan (head of the Institute for Leadership Development); and Avraham Avshalom (a lecturer at Bar-Ilan University).

In deep sorrow I announce the death of my dearly beloved husband

**RABBI SHIMON TAL**

The funeral will leave today, Monday, February 14, 1977 at 2.30 p.m. from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Dafna, Tel Aviv for the Holon Cemetery.

Katze Tal, nee Posner  
7b Rehov Gershon, Ramat Gan

The Administration, Staff and Teachers of Hadassah Israel Education Services, Jerusalem extend their condolences to the Alroy and Spighef Families on the death of

**Dr. Abraham Spighef**

**Sit-ins in Haifa and Ma'alot; call to stop academicians' strike**

Jerusalem Post Staff

While academicians in Government employ yesterday tried to avert a strike by their colleagues, workers in Haifa and Ma'alot locked themselves in their factories, demanding pay increases.

At a hastily called meeting in Jerusalem, a dramatic appeal to academicians not to strike on Thursday, as planned, was issued last night by a group of academicians from the Foreign Ministry and other Government offices.

In what was described as a spontaneous movement, the members of the group began contacting colleagues in Government and other national institutions in order to head off the work stoppage.

"Our slogan is a working nation — not a striking nation," said one of the participants. "We are trying to prevail upon people to avoid strikes or sanctions in view of the catastrophic labour situation."

Not all members of the labour force were as understanding. In Haifa, the 400 employees of Electrochemical Industries Ltd. in the bay-side some sprang a surprise strike on the management on Friday morning, to put more force behind their demands for substantial pay increases. The company, which is a private enterprise (all its shares are held by investors from South America), is negotiating with the shop committee on a new labour agreement for 1977/78, the old contract having expired long ago.

The workers locked the gates and are not allowing vehicles to leave or enter the compound. The strike is disowned by the Haifa Labour Council.

Workers at the Thermofill plant at Ma'alot, scheduled to go on strike today, walked off the job yesterday instead, and locked themselves in.

The 40 workers advanced the strike by one day when the management tried to dismiss them early yesterday, and told them to leave all keys behind. The Ma'alot Labour Council secretary, Mordechai Cohen, said they intend to remain locked in until their demands are met.

The workers want their wages equalized with those in other plants which manufacture electric wires and cables. They also want the management to post an armed guard at night, when the night shift is on duty. Another grievance is management's alleged refusal to allow one of them, a mother of five, to work seven hours instead of eight, advising the woman instead to practice birth control.

Meanwhile the Haifa Labour Court yesterday extended for another week the postponement it granted last Sunday in the hearing of the State Authority's application for an injunction against the Marine Officers Union.

The extension was granted at the request of both parties, who reported good progress in the negotiations between the union and the employees for a unified wage scale for all masters and chief engineers employed on shore. They expect to reach an agreement within the week.

The agreement would run counter to the proposed package deal as it will grant raises of several hundred pounds, but the union has already announced that it does not recognize the package deal, and in this case the authorities appear to be ready for an exception, as the negotiations should have been completed already.

One wage dispute was settled last week when the Bank of Israel increased salaries by 2½ per cent and adjusted various allowances, amounting to a total of some four per cent — it was learned yesterday.

Some 20 per cent of the employees got higher grades, but this, a senior bank official said, is a normal annual procedure. One central issue of the dispute, the signing of a pension agreement, has remained open. The problem of a pension agreement has been on the books in the Bank of Israel for many years.

And, in a meeting between Treasury and military officials last week it was agreed that the salaries of members of the Permanent Forces would be readjusted in the near future to bring them in line with the wage increments being granted other employees in the public sector.

tipled by four for the consumer. In other words, if the factory price for a pack of cigarettes is IL4, the excise duty brings it up to IL4. A 20-agora mean an 80-agora increase in the retail price (since the excise would increase by 80 agora).

So far, the Treasury has not been willing to forge the cost-plus system, which automatically increases the tax on an item as soon as its price is raised. This system applies to most imported goods.

But one government economist smilingly pointed out that the price hike occurred just as the Treasury is battling for a package deal on a tax, wage and price freeze. "Cigarettes," he said, "have been called coffin nails. The Government is showing remarkable timing in hammering them in..."

**Still studying cigarette tax rise**

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury is still considering what action to take on cigarette excise duty, following approval by the Public Price Review Board of a 20 per cent increase in factory prices, a Commerce and Industry Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The Treasury would have to lower the excise rate on tobacco to prevent cigarette prices from rising by the full 20 per cent. The price increase, requested some time ago by the manufacturers, was based on the higher costs of imported tobacco — which makes up 90 per cent of cigarettes in Israel — of transport and of other production costs.

But excise duty makes up 75 per cent of the retail price of cigarettes, so that under current rates the factory price increase would be multiplied by four for the consumer.

In the Abu Daoud case, the French court rejected Israel's extradition request, holding that at the time of Abu Daoud's alleged crime (the Munich massacre of 1972), French courts had no jurisdiction to try him. A law granting them such jurisdiction was passed only in 1976.

Israeli legal experts contended that the French court's jurisdiction was not a relevant consideration. What mattered was that Israeli courts, under an Israeli law of 1973, are competent to try such cases as that of Abu Daoud. (This Israeli position has since been endorsed by

**Review of extradition pact in Paris this week**

By DAVID LANDAU, Jerusalem Post Reporter

France and Israel are to review their extradition treaty in talks this weekend at the Quai d'Orsay. The review follows the recent crisis in relations between the two countries over the Abu Daoud affair. Officials in Jerusalem said the two sides would be seeking to correct any divergent interpretations of the extradition treaty so as to avoid disputes in the future.

Representing Israel will be Ambassador Mordechai Gazit and the Foreign Ministry's Legal Adviser, Dr. Meir Rosenn.

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SCHOOLCHILDREN from Eilon Moreh, the unauthorized settlement at Kaddum in Samaria, had the weather on their side yesterday when they and their teachers held a teach-in in front of the Ministry of Education offices in Jerusalem. The demonstration was in protest against the Ministry's refusal to support the school at Kaddum. The settlers claim most other ministries recognize them and grant them services. But the Education Ministry yesterday announced it was "precluded from setting up a school at the site in accordance with the Cabinet's resolution that there would be no settlement established at Kaddum." The settlers draw their inspiration from a biblical verse, which they posted in the Ministry's courtyard: "And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Shechem, unto the Plain of Moreh" (Genesis 12:6). (Rahamin Yisraeli)

**Two jailed for planning, aiding hotel arson**

TEL AVIV. — Twenty-three year-old Shimon Soffer, convicted of planning the fire at the Park Hotel in Netanya, in which six persons lost their lives, was sentenced in the District Court yesterday to six and a half years in prison.

Tzuri Zvi Hayum, 23, who supplied the petrol used by two other men to set the fire last March was sentenced to three years.

Both men had been charged originally with murder and arson, but after they admitted the facts they were convicted on lesser charges. Their lawyers contended that they could not be held responsible for the six deaths — and injuries sustained by 40 guests — as they could not have foreseen such consequences when they planned and abetted the fire in the hotel nightclub.

Two other men — Mordechai Azrad and Moshe Kahalon — were sentenced last month to 18 years in jail for setting the fire. All four men are Netanya residents.

**Israeli Moslems ask to visit Hussein**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Government has approved a request by 20 Moslem dignitaries from Haifa and the North to visit Amman in order to express condolences to King Hussein on the death of his wife Queen Alia.

The group includes the Kadi of Haifa, and Acre, Mohammed Hubaili, and the director of Haifa's Wakf (Moslem Trust) Suhail Shukry. Their applications are to be forwarded to Amman today for permission from the Jordan government.

**Crack-down on old-age homes**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The owners of 19 old-age homes were sued by the Welfare Ministry during the past year for operating without a licence, the Ministry spokesman said yesterday. They received suspended prison sentences or fines.

For those offenders who still fail to meet operating standards, the Ministry will apply for a temporary or permanent closure order, as provided in a recent amendment to the law regarding supervision of institutions.

Institutions will be closed as arrangements for residents are completed.

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**Socialist leaders to Labour talks**

TEL AVIV. — The leaders of numerous socialist parties promised to attend next week Labour Party convention, the director of the party's foreign relations department, Israel Gat, said today.

Gat told newsmen that Shkolov that the guests will include Austrian Premier Bruno Kreisky, Willy Brandt, President of Socialist International, Dutch Minister Joop den Uyl, Socialist Party secretary Paul Mitterrand, chairman of the Swiss Socialist Party, Qiaf Palme, Minister for the Environment, Shure, the expatriate chairman of the Chilean Radical Party, Raul Solis, and the secretary of Spanish Socialist Party, Felipe Sales. It is also possible that Harold Wilson will arrive.

Gat added that several socialist leaders have been invited but their replies have not been received. Senegalese socialists have also not announced whether they will attend. The guests, he said, will travel at their own expense, their expenses in Israel will be by the Labour Party.

**Lawyer sued for IL1m. by client he 'neglected'**

HAIFA. — A man who had a wrist injury compensation suit rejected by the District Court because it was made after the statute of limitations, made it invalid, sued his lawyer for IL1m.

The man, Ya'acov Moshe, claims he had asked Attorney Albert Weiss of Haifa to handle compensation suit against the Shipyards in October 1974. Moshe's suit was for a work accident which occurred in June of 1974, when he worked at shipyards as a welder on night duty.

But attorney Weiss, according to the plaintiff, filed the suit only June 18, 1976 — one day after the statute provided for in the statute lapsed. The court rejected the suit, saying it came about two hours late.

Moshe claims in his suit against Weiss that the latter had been grossly negligent — not only he failed to file, but when the plaintiff's relatives repeatedly asked about their suit's fate during years, he always assured them it already been filed.

**Life term for murder**

A man who murdered his brother law because the family honour been sullied was yesterday sentenced by the Jerusalem District Court to life imprisonment. Dahud suspected that his sister Fati husband had been intimate with another of his sisters and last stabbed him to death.

**CRACK-DOWN ON OLD-AGE HOMES**

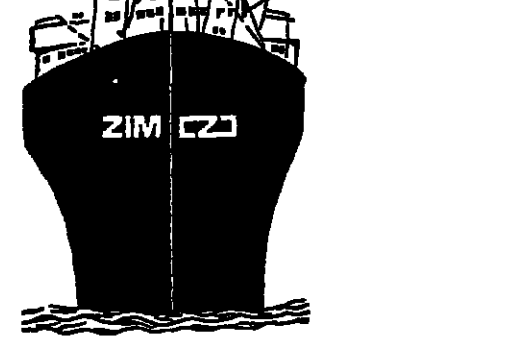
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# Kreisky believes PLO now wants co-existence

TEL AVIV — Austrian Chancellor Kreisky believes that the PLO now wants co-existence with Israel. He said in a speech to the Austrian Parliament in Vienna today that he interprets the PLO's recent change of policy as a sign of a "total change of attitude" towards Israel.

Kreisky said that the PLO's new policy, which he said was announced in response to questions asked by the PLO's spokesman, was a sign of a "total change of attitude" towards Israel. He said that the PLO's new policy was a sign of a "total change of attitude" towards Israel.

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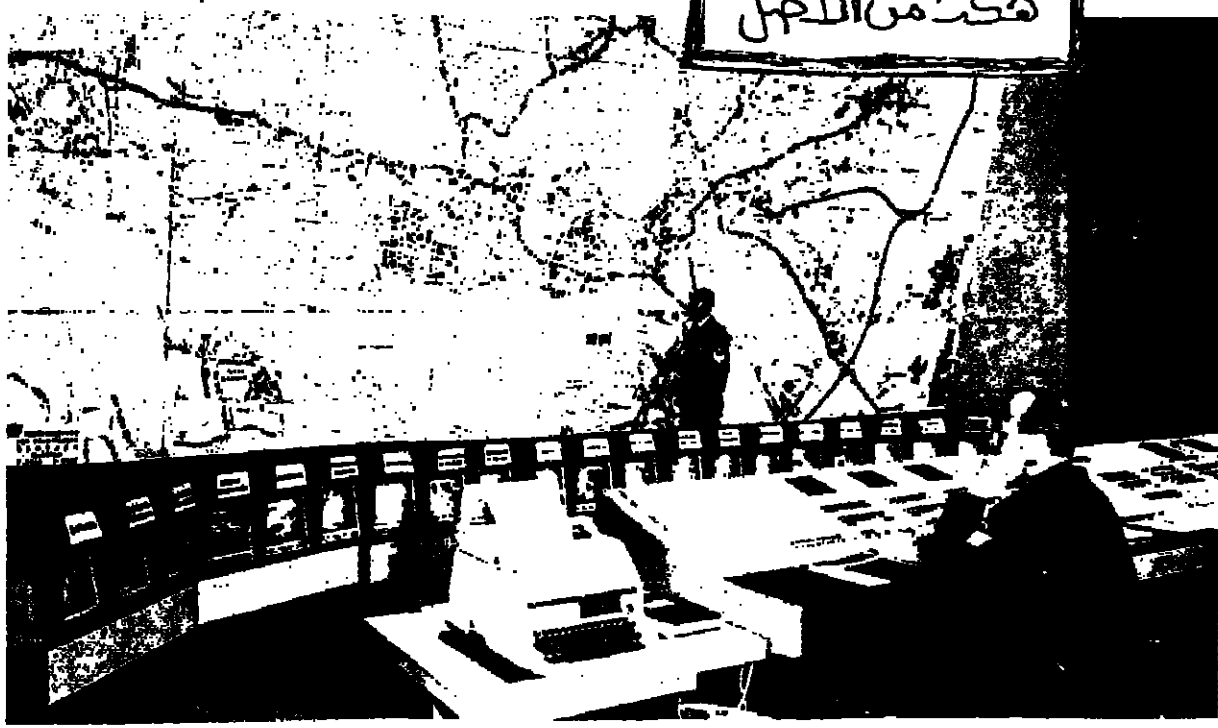
The document said that the PLO was willing to accept an independent Palestine made up of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and two enclaves named as Auja and Hammah. (These last appeared to refer to areas of northern Israel between the southern Golan Heights and the Beit She'an valley, which would provide a contiguous land link between the proposed mid-state and Syria.)

Authoritative sources said the document was given to the Austrian chancellor by Issam Sartawi, of the PLO leadership, who was among the group which has met in Paris with Dr. Matti Peled, MK Arye (Lova) Elav and other members of the Committee for Israeli-Palestine Peace.

The main drift of the document was that the time was ripe for a Middle East settlement and the opportunity might be lost if nothing was done within a few months.

The document stressed that the PLO desire for peace was sincere, and called on Western Europe to play a larger role in the search for peace.

(UPI, Reuters)



The control room of the computerized traffic-light system in the city of Hamburg, West Germany.

Tel Aviv is to get a similar one in June.

## Tel Aviv traffic lights to be controlled by IL5m. computer

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A IL5m. computerized traffic-light system will go into operation in Tel Aviv in June, using closed-circuit television to control the flow of vehicles, Deputy Mayor David Shifman announced yesterday.

Under the new system, controllers, guided by the closed-circuit television showing the ebb and flow of traffic on a huge city map, will determine where, when and for how long signal lights should be red, green or yellow. The computer then will coordinate traffic lights in the rest of the city.

If, for example, the controller wants the green light to remain longer than usual on Rehov Ben-Yehuda because of heavy traffic, all other signal lights in the city will be adjusted accordingly.

The new system, to be completed by September, is expected to improve the flow of traffic in Tel Aviv particularly during rush hours, Shifman said.

Shifman said the new system will be used with the existing traffic lights.

He said the city now spends IL5m. a year for repairs, maintenance and replacement of traffic lights.

The deputy mayor also revealed that the city is changing bus routes to redirect them from residential to nearby commercial streets.

Asked whether the computerized traffic system would work during heavy rain or in a *Hamazin*, Shifman merely shrugged his shoulders. (The present system regularly breaks down.)

Shifman said there were no plans in the future for a streetcar or subway system.

## Kerosene bomb fails to explode

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An unknown assailant threw a Molotov cocktail on Saturday night at a soldier waiting for a lift near the Rockefeller Museum in East Jerusalem. The device did not ignite and no one was hurt.

The police, who said the bottle had been filled with kerosene, described it as an "amateur" attempt. There had been no arrests by yesterday evening.

## Bomb at Athens Entebbe cinema

ATHENS. — A home-made bomb exploded early yesterday morning at a suburban cinema showing "Raid on Entebbe," and a second bomb was found in another theatre, a spokesman for the Public Order Ministry said.

## Invitation to pick through J'lem's garbage

Jerusalem, which has shared with the world the loftiest spiritual ideas, is about to offer it the privilege of sifting through its garbage.

A tender for the first waste recycling plant in Israel is to be issued by the Municipality within a month. Zvi Ofer, head of the Municipal sanitation department, expressed the hope last week that a foreign or local investor would build the plant within a year-and-a-half.

The object of the plant would be to salvage metal, paper and other useful products which constitute the bulk of the city's garbage. It would save the city money, Ofer says, in addition to becoming a profitable operation in itself. It would also return to the national economy raw materials at present imported at considerable cost in foreign currency.

Ofer estimates that, each year, 5700 tons of metal could be salvaged in Jerusalem alone by recycling. The bulk of this would come from the es-

timated 2,000 junked cars which are buried each year. In addition, Ofer says, there could be an annual salvaging of 12,000 tons of paper, 4,000 tons of glass, 900 tons of textile and 500 tons of wood.

According to a Municipal study, a recycling plant in Jerusalem would earn IL2.5m. gross annually at 1975 prices, a profit in which the Municipality would expect to share.

The cost of setting up such a plant at 1975 prices was estimated at IL8.5m.

The city collects 300-400 tons of garbage a day and buries it in a landfill operation soon to be shifted from Azariya to Abu Dis, both just outside the eastern border of the city. Collection and disposal costs the city some IL40m. annually.

A recycling plant, Ofer says, would have its own limited collection facilities. It would pick up paper, for instance, from paper-collection bins

around the city. (These would replace the bins now serving the Soldier's Welfare Fund says Ofer.) It would pick up metal products directly from factories which dump waste metals. Such direct collection by the privately owned plant would save the city some IL4m. annually, Ofer says.

At the plant, set up adjacent to the landfill site, garbage brought by Municipal trucks would be dumped onto conveyor belts from which workmen would pick out salvageable material.

A previous attempt by the Jerusalem Municipality to turn garbage into gold failed in 1972 when the Danno plant which aimed at turning organic waste into compost was closed down after a year's operation. The immediate reason was that the plant was adjacent to French Hill and the residents at the new housing estate there objected to the odours. In addition, there had proved to be an insufficient market for compost to make the plant profitable.

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## Rahav new Ports Authority head

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet yesterday approved the appointment of Yitzhak Rahav as director-general of the Israel Ports Authority, on the recommendation of Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi. The appointment takes effect March 15.

Ya'acobi praised the achievements of the outgoing director-general Aharon Remes, who held the post for the past six years.

Yitzhak Rahav was deputy O.C. Israel Navy. He ran Haifa port for six years, and has been deputy director-general of the Ports Authority for the past six months.

## Call to oust IC from Zim

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Zim company's employees committee yesterday called on the Histadrut to act towards abrogating the Israel Corporation's partnership in Zim. The committee proposed that the Government, Keren Hayesod and the Histadrut, which together own half the Zim shares, take over the 50 per cent held by the Israel Corporation.

Committee chairman Uri Zuckerman claimed that such a move was called for in view of the criticisms of the Israel Corporation management and board voiced by the State Comptroller in his recent report.

## B'nai B'rith man urges new policy group

By MARK SEGAL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — B'nai B'rith international president David Blumberg is unhappy about the present state of Israel-Diaspora consultations and is alarmed at the attempts by some Diaspora leaders to conduct a parallel foreign policy to that of Israel.

He proposes a new consultative body to formulate policies affecting international issues.

Blumberg said such a body should "meet in secret and without undue publicity." He is sure it would have considerable influence, because such a forum would have the government's ear and be "truly representative of world Jewry."

The American Jewish leader believes that his proposed Israel-Diaspora forum would be similar to the Jewish Agency, "but different in that it would not be oriented to money."

Blumberg intends submitting his idea in more precise formulation to the executive bodies of B'nai B'rith in the near future. His organization, with an annual budget of \$20m., has a membership of 300,000 in 40 countries.

Blumberg believes that Jewish leaders in the Diaspora should not set themselves up as intermediaries with the Arabs, who should have to speak directly to Israel.

The B'nai B'rith leader is opposed to the idea of Diaspora leaders going on trips to Cairo as part of a bid to push a parallel Jewish foreign policy. He added the rider that Philip Klutznick of the World Jewish Congress (whom Nahum Goldmann has mentioned as leading his delegation to Egypt) was a known expert on Middle East affairs. However, he went on, "If I was asked to go, I would most definitely refuse."

Blumberg stressed that any official invitation of this kind "must be strictly above board" and must definitely be in coordination with the Government of Israel.

"Under the present circumstances the arrival of such a Jewish delegation in Cairo would only be useful for Arab propaganda," Blumberg declared.

He spoke of continuing consultations in B'nai B'rith over the WJC offer that they affiliate. Two meetings have taken place so far between them, but no decision has been made by B'nai B'rith as yet. Blumberg said. The matter will be taken up again in March when he meets Jewish Agency Executive chairman Yosef Almog and Goldmann in Geneva to discuss the future of COJO, the Coordinating Committee of Jewish Organizations.

The B'nai B'rith president, here for an absorption conference, is highly critical of absorption procedures in Israel and fears that the enthusiasm aroused among American Jews for settling in Israel "is being destroyed by bureaucracy here."

## Police nab highway hooligans

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SHIPYARD. — Local police arrested Moscovici's sub-ways Saturday night between dusk and midnight on the Carmelit, when they saw what they say is a shipyard as a down on weekend hooliganism.

But the police said they were the plaintiffs, and up for unruly behaviour, June 19, 1973, and pulling the emergency brake without due cause.

The court, Saturday before last, 18 young were arrested on suspicion of causing damage to property and disturbing the peace.

Weiss, the police spokesman said all the cases would be brought to trial.

## A BOMBS JEWISH FINANCIER'S HOME

FAST. — The home of a prominent Jewish financier was bombed in the latest Irish Republican Army attack on the Irish business community.

A man who was injured when the bomb exploded in the front of his house in the life insurance office of north Belfast. The suspected IRA men fired shots at the doorway and planted the device, and another of the IRA men had time to alert the police before he exploded.

It was the fifth attack on leading businessmen in Northern Ireland last week, in what the IRA has described as a new offensive against "the economic pawns of British imperialism."

British manager Jeffrey Agate of the U.S.-owned Dupont synthetic fibre factory in Londonderry was shot dead last week. Some days later gunmen attacked the homes of laundry owner Sir William McKimney and Alistair McManus, the owner of a chain of shoe shops. McManus is still in hospital with a bullet wound in the neck. Sir William escaped unhurt.

Another Irish businessman was shot dead early yesterday as he parked his car outside his house near Ballymena. Police believe Samuel McKane, the manager of a local shirt factory, was a target because of his work in the local police reserve.

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# Cypriots cautious on new talks

NICOSIA. — Leaders of Cyprus Greek and Turkish communities yesterday predicted long and tough bargaining before a settlement of this island's long-standing inter-communal rivalry can be reached.

But both Archbishop Makarios and Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş sounded a note of guarded optimism following Saturday night's agreement on guidelines for resumed talks in Vienna late next month.

UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, who presided over the meeting between the two men at

## President buried

NEW DELHI. — President Fakhrudin Ali Ahmed was buried with full state honours yesterday in the grounds of a small New Delhi mosque where he prayed regularly for many years.

Fallbearers from the armed forces lowered the President's body, covered by the Indian flag, into the grave at a simple service attended by representatives from 27 countries including Lillian Carter, 78-year-old mother of the U.S. President.

President Ahmed died here on Friday, aged 71. (Reuters)

## N. Ireland bans banns in jail

DUBLIN. — Two of Ireland's most notorious top security prisoners, Bridget Rose Dugdale and Eddie Gallagher, have been refused permission to wed behind bars.

Justice Minister Patrick Conroy refused the couple's request to meet and marry in prison. Both are serving long terms for terrorist offences.

Dugdale, 36, an Oxford University graduate with a doctorate in philosophy from London University, gave birth to a son at Limerick prison three years ago. When the birth was registered, Gallagher was named as the father.

The British hearse-turned-revolutionary is serving nine years for hijacking, art theft and other offences committed on behalf of the Irish Republican Army. (AP)

## Egypt says Libya behind food riots

CAIRO. — A senior Egyptian official yesterday accused the Libyan government of Col. Mu'ammer Gaddafi of encouraging Communist subversion and teaming up with Moscow to launch a propaganda war in Egypt.

The charge was triggered by a statement, issued by an organization calling itself the "Egyptian Liberation Front," claiming responsibility for last month's food price riots. The statement was broadcast on Saturday by the Libyan radio.

"This statement, and the fact that it was broadcast by the Libyan radio, is a clear admission of the connection between the subversive activities launched against the Egyptian people by the rulers of Libya," the unnamed official was quoted by "Al-Ahram" as saying.

The Front, which was never heard of before, said in its statement it was "responsible for planning and organizing the uprising of January 19-19."

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which the guidelines accord was framed, left yesterday saying that "a new spirit" had emerged. A solution, though not close, finally seemed possible, he told a press conference.

All three men, who spoke at successive press conferences, agreed that any settlement would take time.

Waldheim will be present when negotiators from the two sides meet in Vienna after a 15-month interruption in the talks.

Only fragments of the accord reached Saturday night have been disclosed, but a central element is federal, "bi-communal" state.

Makarios said acceptance of this formula was a serious concession on his part. Denktaş has held out for what he calls a bi-zonal system, in

# Amin slaughters hundreds after abortive coup

NAIROBI. — Widespread unrest against the regime of President Idi Amin has resulted in the killing and arrest of Ugandan civilians and troops, diplomatic and news reports said yesterday.

The "Observer" newspaper in London said hundreds of persons had been killed and arrested in a purge which began about a week ago after an abortive plot to kill Amin in late January.

The report was filed by "Observer" Africa correspondent David Martin, who has close contacts with former Ugandan president Milton Obote and other Ugandan exiles, and who has previously filed stories of widespread unrest and atrocities in Uganda.

Diplomatic sources, news reports and Ugandan exiles yesterday all confirmed there had been incidents in Uganda in recent weeks and continuing unrest against Amin, although there was no immediate confirmation of many of the details of the "Observer" story.

In a story prepared for publication today, Nairobi's "Nation" said 35 civilians were killed last Friday in Northern Uganda and Amin had also arrested 35 non-commissioned officers, who had demanded a government reorganization.

The "Nation" said the civilians — all members of the Acholi and Lango tribes, were killed in the Northern Uganda towns of Gulu, Lira and Apac, and subsequently 15 bullet-riddled bodies were found floating in the Malaba River.

## EEC cool to Arab League demand for PLO acceptance

TUNIS. — Arab League and European Economic Community negotiators ended a session of their "Euro-Arab dialogue" yesterday after an all-night meeting that yielded only meagre results and failed to resolve differences on economic issues and the Palestinians.

The divergences between the 20-member Arab League and the nine-member EEC states emerged from a 19-page communiqué issued yesterday morning after the all-night bargaining.

The EEC team, led by British Foreign Office Under-secretary Richard Faber, refused to meet Arab demands to bestow formal acknowledgement on the Palestine

which the central government would share powers with two zones.

The term "bi-communal" seemed to be a compromise, going some way to satisfy Turkish-Cypriot demands, observers said.

The Archbishop said he felt the Turkish-Cypriot side had made serious concessions on the principles concerning discussion of territorial questions, referring to his demand for the return of a significant part of the nearly 40 per cent of Cyprus occupied by Turkish troops in 1974, and now inhabited by Turkish-Cypriots.

Continuing differences between the two sides emerged repeatedly at the press conferences. Makarios emphasized the idea of a "unitary" state, while Denktaş objected to the word, saying it was not the same as a federal system. (Reuters)

# SEA STRIKE

The "Observer" said at least 116 civilians were killed in Gulu alone, apparently in the same incident reported by "Nation."

The London newspaper said the purge began when Amin discovered a plot by "elements in the army" to kill him on January 25, the sixth anniversary of the coup which brought him to power. When news of the plan leaked out, the troops killed it off.

Amin has survived numerous coup attempts in the past. The last one was in July, when would-be assassins hurled three grenades at him as he passed out parade.

One grenade hit him in the face and bounced away, wounding several persons nearby. (UPI)

## SEA STRIKE

government introduced emergency measures on Saturday in an effort to force an end to a six-day strike by merchant seamen. A Labour Ministry order placed the strikers under the civil servants disciplinary code for the next 15 days and threatened them with dismissal if they do not return to work.

SEA STRIKE — About 30,000 visitors were evacuated from Tokyo's Veno Zoo yesterday following two telephone calls that three bombs had been planted there, police said. Some 300 workers and 40 policemen searched the zoo after its third biggest crowd of the year was evacuated from four exits in 35 minutes but no bombs were found, police said.

## EEC cool to Arab League demand for PLO acceptance

Liberation Organization, although it accepts the presence of PLO members in the Arab delegation.

The EEC, the communiqué showed, held firm to a previously stated view of the Palestinian case, short of formal acceptance of the principle of Palestinian statehood.

The European side "restated its view that a solution to the conflict in the Middle East will be possible only if the legitimate right of the Palestinian people to give effective expression to its national identity is translated in fact," the communiqué said.

The representatives of the European countries, who had no decision-making power, did not pronounce themselves on four Arab proposals.

Setting a date for a Euro-Arab meeting of the foreign affairs ministers.

The organization of Euro-Arab consultations within the UN.

The participation of Arab countries in the European Conference of Security and Cooperation which was scheduled to resume in Belgrade next month.

The creation of an organization for consultations on the political aspects of the dialogue. (Reuters, UPI)

## Pro-Nazi to sue

BONN. — West German Defence Minister Georg Leber is to be sued for defamation by Hans-Ulrich Rudel, German wartime flying ace and self-professed Nazi sympathizer.

In a parliamentary debate last week, Leber said as long as he was Defence Minister, Rudel would not be allowed on army premises again. The debate arose because of the dismissal of two leading German generals who allowed Rudel to participate in an air force reunion attended by trainee pilots last November.

Rudel was subsequently guest speaker at the Munich neo-Nazi rally where Serge and Beate Klarsfeld were assaulted. (JTA)

## 'Russian woodpecker' bugs Europe's radio

COPENHAGEN. — A high-powered radio beam disrupting short-wave broadcasts all over northern Europe has been identified here as a new Soviet radar system that "bends" with the curvature of the earth.

The beam is known as "the Russian Woodpecker" in Britain because of the staccato drilling sound it makes. It appears to be coming from a site southeast of Minsk.

According to Danish military intelligence, the system appears designed to pick up incoming low-flying aircraft or missiles that elude conventional radar screens. Two such targets, according to the Danes, would be the U.S. Cruise mis-

sile and B-1 bomber, both still under development.

Danish technicians have established that the beams emanate from a radar system and the device is essentially defensive, according to military sources. They rule out speculation that the transmissions are part of an offensive aimed at giving the Soviets a strike capability after a nuclear attack.

The Danes, however, readily acknowledge they are able to make only a limited examination of the Soviet beams. The U.S., with its satellites and other advanced equipment, is relied upon by Denmark and other NATO allies to deliver a definitive analysis.

# ECUADOR, PERU — AND THE KFIRS

THE AMERICAN "no" to Israel's sale of 24 Kfir jets to Ecuador has understandably aroused the anger of local manufacturers and caused disappointment to those seeking the expansion of our still fledgling aviation industry. After all, it is plain good business sense that only exports make industry viable when a local market can take only so much of a product.

Of course, the political implications of such a deal are much more wide-ranging and bring into focus all that is realistic and sordid in politics. But until we have lessened our dependence on U.S. financial and technological aid in arms manufacture and supply, our politicians can do little except exercise their powers of persuasion in Washington.

The other aircraft deal we swung with Latin America, was with Honduras. It brought us better luck with the Americans; since it was a matter of a refurbished obsolete plane, albeit powered with an American engine, it got a reluctant nod of approval in Washington.

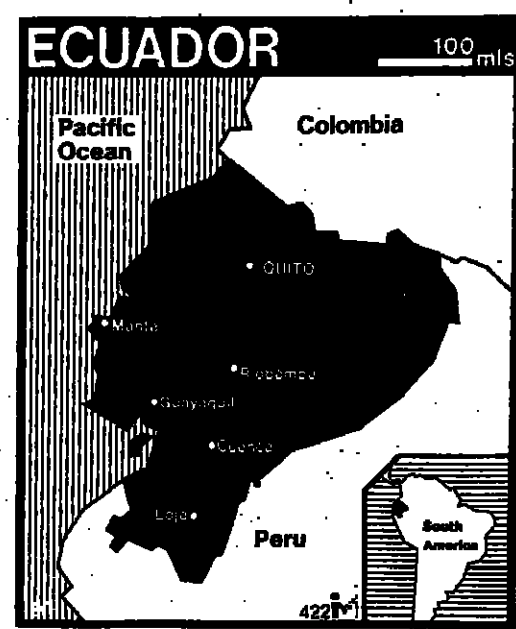
It can now be said that Ecuador does have an option: in this case, buying the French Mirage F-1 which ranks with the Kfir. So if the Ecuadorians do opt for the F-1, the American argument for not wanting Latin Americans to get sophisticated arms is rather hollow. The Latin Americans have a wide-open field — Britain, France and Russia — and the only limit is their ability to pay the price.

So much for the Kfir and the Americans. We are now concerned about the reason Ecuador wants Israel's presumably superior Kfir, and we must go back to the previous century to understand something about this.

ECUADOR AND PERU have a longstanding dispute over sovereignty in the upper Amazon basin. Recently, Ecuador cancelled a visit by the Peruvian President because Peru would give no plain pledge that the border question would be brought up.

The disputed area is composed of mountains, swamps and rivers inhabited mostly by Indian tribes, but it is — as you may well have guessed by now — oil-rich. Reports at the time said the cancellation of the visit, the first meeting between leaders of the two countries since they went to war in 1941 over the Amazon, followed intensive diplomatic exchanges.

The problem is that Ecuador doesn't recognize the treaty which it says it was forced to sign after the 1941 war — the fourth fought by the two over this question. For Peru, the Rio Protocol



signed in January 1942 and underwritten by Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the U.S., solved the problem.

The treaty placed Ecuador's frontiers north of the main Amazon basin on the upper navigable reaches of three Amazon tributaries, the Napo, Pastaza and Santiago. But Ecuador's claim is that its borders once included almost the entire upper basin south of the Marañon and Amazon rivers.

Ecuador keeps this question alive, and the Ecuadorian Foreign Minister last year reasserted his country's claim at the UN General Assembly.

This dispute goes back to the early 19th century. It must be remembered that such border troubles stem from the random manner in which the countries gained their independence from Spain. Under Spanish rule the separate areas had little sense of nationhood and borders were mapped according to geographical convenience.

BY COMPARISON, the present borders of the independent nations in Africa remain the way the former colonial rulers arbitrarily drew them to suit their own purposes during the mad scramble

## IN BRIEF

### Sunday banking

LONDON. — Sunday banking got its first try in Britain when Bank Leumi opened its doors from 10:30 to 12:30 and had more than 100 customers.

"The idea was to provide a service for our customers, and it seems a tremendous success," said branch manager Michael Levine.

The Israel-owned bank is at Golders Green, a largely Jewish district in North-West London. (AP)

### Iran ammo imports

WASHINGTON. — Almost 40 per cent of U.S. exports of ammunition is destined for Iran, Congressman Les Aspin said in a statement due to be released today.

Aspin, a Wisconsin Democrat, questioned "whether Iran needs that much ammo for legitimate training purposes and defence stocks." In a press statement, he added that in addition to the 40 per cent destined for Iran, 18 per cent of the ammunition exports were labelled for Israel, eight per cent for Saudi Arabia, and five per cent for Greece. (AP)

### Sudan seeks to join Egypt-Syria entente

BEIRUT. — The tripartite Arab summit conference of Egypt, Syria and the Sudan scheduled in Khartoum for February 27 will consider Sudan's request to join the unified political leadership between Syria and Egypt, Sudanese prime minister Rashid Al-Taher said yesterday. (UPI)

### UK 'saving face'

LUSAKA. — Zambian Foreign Minister Sikele Mwaile yesterday accused Britain of trying to "save face" by claiming that the Soviet Union and four East European states were trading with Rhodesia in violation of UN sanctions.

Mwaile said that Britain had persistently violated sanctions since their imposition following Rhodesia's Unilateral Declaration of Independence in 1965.

### Killer arrested

ROME. — Police yesterday arrested an alleged neo-Fascist wanted on charges of killing a prominent Rome judge last July. Police said they found Pierluigi Comcutelli along with some weapons and ammunition in a flat here.

Responsibility for the shooting of Judge Vittorio Occorsio was claimed by the outlawed neo-Fascist group "Ordine Nuovo" (New Order). (Reuters)



OUT OF STATE. — Young Patricia Dimino came all the way from Bradenton, Florida, to say hello to President Carter as he took a stroll through downtown Plains, Georgia, on Saturday. It was the first time the President had visited his home town since his inauguration three weeks ago. (AP radiophoto)

## 'Copter parts swindle reports probed in U.S.

WASHINGTON. — The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said on Saturday — that it was investigating reports that substandard parts were sold to helicopter fleets serving such leaders as Britain's Queen Elizabeth, the Shah of Iran and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt.

The FAA was commenting on a "Washington Post" report alleging a scandal over potentially substandard material sold to a number of foreign countries for their civilian and military helicopter fleets. Replacement of the parts, the paper said, would cost \$100m.

The "Post," quoting an industry informant whom it did not name, said the military fleets serve NATO forces.

The paper said the parts were manufactured by U.S. firms which did not know the required specifications and were then given markings and certificates by another firm alleging them to be genuine parts from reputable helicopter manufacturers, such as Bell or Sikorsky.

It quoted helicopter industry officials as saying that if the charges were true, it could force the grounding of hundreds of European military helicopters.

The FAA said it opened a probe several weeks ago, but would have no further comment. (Reuters)

In the 19th century for pieces of the cotton in South America, as the nations grew political sophistication, so too did their faith, nationalism and economic necessity. And border disputes followed as a natural course.

Ecuador was part of the Greater Colombia Confederation with Colombia, Panama, Venezuela under Simon Bolivar, but broke away in 1830, a year after Ecuador and Peru fought over the border. There were two other wars in 1858 and 1910 which, however, saw little fighting in the continuing process of trying to agree the final border treaty.

Then, at the time the world was occupied by World War II and when Hitler was continuing his triumphal march in Europe, fighting broke out between the two countries in 1941.

Whatever the respective merits of the case, the two sides, it is obvious in this day and age that Ecuador cannot aspire to retrieving territory it claimed in the 19th century. But what it does want now is a sovereign corridor to the Amazon River which could give it an outlet to its petroleum to Brazil.

Which brings us back to our original theme Ecuador's desire to purchase Kfir jets.

WITHOUT GOING into the internal politics Peru, we know that it is acquiring 36 of Russia's most modern warplanes, the swingwing Sukhoi and that it is also buying four new frigates. Perhaps the Soviet Union did this as a display of faith in Peru's revolutionary potential.

For its part, Ecuador is due to take delivery up to 12 British Jaguar fighter-bombers (certainly a sophisticated plane) as well as two German submarines. Last year it was reported that Ecuador was in the market for modern intercepter planes.

Then last month, "Aviation and Space Technology", the reputable American journal disclosed that Ecuador and Israel Aircraft Industries had signed a contract for the delivery of 24 Kfirs. It may be only a coincidence, but the Jaguars and 24 Kfirs match the total of 36 Soviet jets which are going to Peru.

Nobody pretends that the border dispute can be a cause for a new war, but it could be the leaders of both sides are taking no chances. Ecuador and Peru have said that their arm purchases are not for warlike purposes but solely for replacing obsolete weaponry.

Common sense would certainly dictate that they should do so by buying — if not the best then the next best equipment.

## Turkish hijacker caught on ground

ANKARA. — A single hijacker took over a Turkish Airlines passenger plane for several hours yesterday was captured by security forces, Communications Minister Nihat Metnece announced here.

The plane, a DC-9 jetliner with 100 passengers, was on a flight to Istanbul to the Aegean port city Izmir.

The hijacker, identified as Asil Mintas, a police academy student brandished a gun and grabbed one of the hostesses as hostage when the plane was about to land in Izmir.

He explained that Mintas entered the cockpit and ordered chief pilot to fly to Zagreb, Yugoslavia.

When the pilot protested, say he was already about to land in Izmir, Mintas shot both the hostess and pilot. Neither was seriously wounded, Metnece said.

The pilot and the co-pilot were taken to the hospital at the Cigli military airport in Izmir, where the aircraft was surrounded by troops and policemen. (AP, Reuters)

## Dutch complete Menten inquiry in the Ukraine

MOSCOW. — Dutch officials investigating war crime allegations against Dutch millionaire Pi Menten have completed their inquiries in the Soviet Union and flown on to Poland.

"To submit charges, prosecutor of the Netherlands has at his disposal sufficient evidence against Menten," the Tass agency quoted one Dutch official, Germanus van Duren; as he said.

Van Duren, the vice president of the Amsterdam regional court, the Dutch delegation investigating charges that Menten ordered the killing of 300 persons while set with Nazi forces in a German occupied area of the Ukraine.

The delegation took evidence from survivors in the villages of Urici and Podgorodny.

Menten, 78, is being held in Netherlands. He fled to Switzerland last year, but was returned by authorities.

Israel Lands Administration

**NOTICE TO PURCHASERS OF REAL ESTATE**

The public is again reminded that any purchase of a flat or transfer of the rights in property of the Israel Lands Administration (property of the State, of the Development Authority or of Keren Kayemeth Le-Israel) by sale or lease, must be made with the knowledge and agreement of the Administration.

"Transfers" of rights made without the agreement of the Administration are not valid, and anyone who "acquires" such rights without the Administration's agreement puts his money at risk.

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# Bank Leumi earnings up 28.9%

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—The General Mortgage Bank Ltd., a subsidiary of Bank Leumi, which has published its balance sheet and profit and loss account for the year ending December 31, 1976, reports that net earnings rose by 28.9 per cent, standing presently at IL23.2m.

The total assets of the bank increased by 39.8 per cent to reach IL5.2b. The bank's activities consist of the granting of long term real estate mortgage loans. These are primarily housing loans under the direction of various Government offices.

The board of directors will recommend a final dividend of 9 1/2 per cent. This is in addition to the interim dividend of 8 1/2 per cent paid earlier. The total cash dividend of 18 per cent is the same paid in the previous year.

The board of directors will also recommend issuing bonus shares at the rate of 20 per cent (the same as 1975). The bonus shares will be entitled to the full dividend to be paid in 1977.

In the year under consideration, the bank increased the amount of loans to IL2.5b. This represented an increase of almost 40 per cent over 1975.

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# Villa builders going out of business

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The David Peterson Construction Co. Ltd., specializing in the construction of villas in the Herzliya and the Herzliya Pituah area, has released about half its employees. It is learned in the past half year, the company has begun work on no more than four or five villas a month.

A number of considerably smaller building contractors specializing in Herzliya Pituah have gone out of business. It is understood. Owners of villas built by these contractors are experiencing difficulties in achieving proper registration with the Land Registry since the builders reportedly did not settle their tax debts.

The David Peterson Company has had to change its method of operation and is concentrating on renovation of existing housing units.

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## The economy in cold storage

WHAT WAS to have been a tri-partite package deal designed to tide the country over a critical period, seemed to be reduced last week to a bi-partisan agreement when the manufacturers declined to put their hand to it. Then the Histadrut, too, had second thoughts.

The Histadrut is naturally reluctant voluntarily to become party to an agreement which, according to Treasury demands, is to freeze not only wages but even talks about them. Furthermore when the package is unpeeled the freeze on dividends (most of which have already been distributed) and on profits (which are as yet unknown even to those who make them) has little content, while the price freeze can at best only be partial. There remains, therefore, the freeze on taxes and on wages.

The Knesset is unlikely to authorize any tax increases in the next few months, so that only local taxes remain to be frozen. Regarding wages, some agreements have already been signed and will not be subject to the freeze. These agreements affect the relatively privileged among public employees. Their gains will only anger those who will be left out of the race for the time being.

The Histadrut Central Committee is to meet next Thursday to debate the freeze agreement. On that same day, several tens of thousands of public employees have called for a strike. In these circumstances the Histadrut is understandably reluctant to go along with the government proposals and run the risk of being flouted by its rank and file.

The wage-price freeze could, of course, work if the Histadrut cooperates. It could be a legitimate means to decelerate the rate of inflation and restore a measure of stability. But to serve that end, it would have to be part of a more comprehensive programme of action and would have to be spelled out in detail. As a stop-gap measure, in which the uncertainties are many while there is only one certainty — a wage freeze for those who have not succeeded, like the Bank of Israel employees, for example, at the last moment — it will be eyed with suspicion by all and with trust by none.

The freeze should be more than a proposal to put our economic problems in cold storage for three months. It should be supplemented by an outline of policy looking beyond May 15. And to persuade employees to accept it without the need to invoke court orders, it must be more specific than the generalities of the national budget.

It is unrealistic to think of imposing the freeze by law or decree, as has been discussed by the Government. There must be negotiation and persuasion so that the freeze, if it is implemented will be based on a minimum of consensus and confidence.

To achieve that the Government will have to state clearly how the freeze will be thawed out.

## Diplomacy scores

IF ALL GOES WELL, the military situation at and around the southern Lebanese town of Nabatiya will be restored to the status quo ante within hours of the arrival of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in Jerusalem tomorrow. In other words, the town and its environs will be cleared of Syrian troops acting as soldiers of the all-Arab peacekeeping force; and their place will be taken by local Lebanese units.

The removal of the Nabatiya "misunderstanding" — as it was once termed by Defence Minister Shimon Peres — is indeed timely. It would surely have been unfortunate if Mr. Vance had to start his maiden official voyage to the area with a discussion of a matter which in itself, though not in its implications, is really trifling. American diplomats who had been serving as intermediaries between Israel and Syria saw to it that this did not happen.

The result, as these diplomats have been careful to point out, is not an agreement, which carries a connotation of studied formality, but strictly an "understanding." This, however, should do for the purpose.

The entire incident began some three weeks ago through a violation by the Syrians of what Israel — and presumably the U.S. as well — had earlier perceived to be a clear mutual understanding. This had two aspects. First, Syria would not make any major military move southward in Lebanon without communicating its intention to Israel through the U.S. Secondly, Syrian troops would not cross the "red line" demarcated by Israel across southern Lebanon.

It may well be that Israel had erred in failing to define that "red line" more clearly on the map — although it was also made plain that the line had components which were not strictly geographical.

Whatever the case, there can no longer be any misunderstanding as to where that somewhat elusive line actually runs: it runs from Sidon on the Mediterranean to Jezzin near the Syrian border. The area south of this line is considered an Israel security belt, where neither Syrian military nor Palestinian terrorists are admissible.

In their public statements, of course, Syrian leaders would not acknowledge formal acceptance of any such limitation by Israel. President Hafez Assad has taken special care to shift the burden of any responsibility for decisions on the moves of Syrian troops onto the frail shoulders of Lebanon's Syrian-appointed President Elias Sarkis.

To be sure, Nabatiya is just one symptom in a much larger problem which remains unsolved. This is the problem of the Syrian presence in Lebanon. Israel reluctantly agreed to the Syrian intervention on the ground that it was a lesser evil, and on the understanding that it would be temporary. But Israel should not be expected to resign itself with equanimity to the prospect of a Syrian *Anschluss* with Lebanon, under whatever guise.

# The new arms embargo

The U.S. ban on the export of the Kfir fighter plane will harm Israel's defence capability, and is not likely to

benefit the U.S. itself in any conceivable way, says Post economic editor MEIR MERHAV.

NOT A FEW Israelis have already considered this country's participation in the international arms trade with a measure of distaste. Many consider it a necessary evil, rather than the development of just one more export branch which can and should be promoted without scruple.

The United States' refusal to permit the export of the Kfir to Ecuador touches upon one of the most fundamental issues of U.S.-Israel relations. The formal grounds for that refusal, namely that the Kfir is equipped with an American engine, are irrelevant to the issue. Bluntly put, it is within the power of the U.S. to embargo any exports of arms from Israel, whether or not they contain American components or technology.

At issue are the basic premises of American support of Israel. In the arms race with its enemies, Israel is forced to compete not only with the military-industrial might of the Soviet Union, but also with massive arms sales by France, England and the U.S. itself. All these armaments, irrespective of whether they are sold to "confrontation countries" or to "non-confrontation countries" such as Saudi Arabia or Libya, can be massed at short notice against Israel. A tiny nation with limited resources must, therefore, confront the quantitative military might of a superpower, at least so far as conventional arms are concerned.

Although it has been forced into escalation, Israel has long limited

itself in this arms race by accepting a more or less fixed ratio of quantitative inferiority. It has done so in reliance upon its qualitative superiority, both in terms of manpower and of technological ability.

That qualitative superiority in which we trust has several components. It has to do with a more advanced educational system, with greater national cohesion, with a higher level of motivation and with greater organizational and technical ability. With regard to some of these elements, there is no assurance that we shall be able to maintain the same lead which we have had in the past. With regard to others, the sheer quantitative advantage of our opponents and their allies may assume a qualitative aspect. It may be well to remember, for example, that the Yom Kippur War has shown that our enemies may, under certain circumstances, attain a high level of motivation.

Our technological superiority, which perhaps cannot be so easily matched as other factors involving depends crucially upon Israel's ability to produce at least part of the vital armaments it needs. The cost of that production, in turn, depends upon its scale, and the scale depends upon the ability to export a certain proportion of the arms produced.

HERE IS where the technological dimension of our defence capability ties in with its economic dimension. It would be presumptuous to tell the

U.S. where its own long-term interests lie. The U.S. is the best judge of that. It is, however, appropriate to point out to the U.S. how its action in regard to the Kfir will be interpreted in Israel.

The banning of Israeli arms sales abroad is seen by many as a straightforward attempt to increase Israel's dependence upon American arms supplies — as a possible lever for applying political pressure. The argument that the embargo on the export of the Kfir has its grounds in the reluctance of the U.S. to assist an armaments escalation in Latin America convinces few Israelis, who are all too aware of the realities of international competition in the weapons trade. The argument that such exports exploit unfairly, as it has been put in some quarters — American military support by using its technology for economic advantages doesn't stand up to the facts or to logic. Most technologies can, at least in the long run, be replaced to a greater or lesser extent by substitutes. Also, on a wider view there is no competition, nor danger of competition, with U.S. industry. At most, a change in the composition of American production for Israel's defence needs is involved. There may be more components, at the expense of less finished products.

The question at hand is whether the U.S. will allow Israel to become economically more self-supporting and whether Israel will be given the

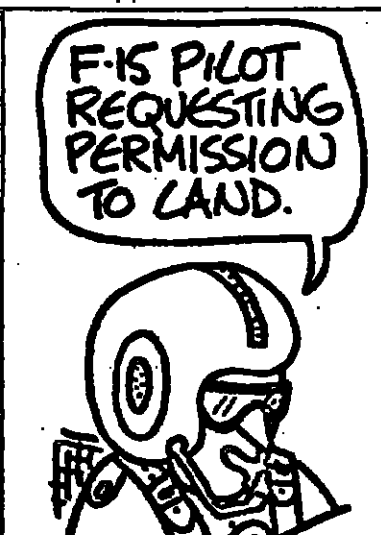
## Dry Bones



means to retain the one and only answer it can have for the time being to Arab quantitative superiority: the maintenance of its technical lead. The two are inseparably linked together. Compensatory financial aid, however welcome, can be no substitute.

The development of alternative side the framework of existing mal constraints. Israelis cannot recall that the Kfir itself, fathered by the French arms barge in 1967.

### POSTSCRIPTS



CARTOONIST "Drybones" receives a lot of fan-mail but he is likely to treasure most the letter he received the other day from Mr. Pat Henry, Chief Experimental Test Pilot of the McDonnell Aircraft Company in St. Louis.

The letter runs as follows: "This copy of your cartoon from The Jerusalem Post is enclosed to introduce myself. I'm the McDonnell pilot who flew the shadow when the F-15 arrived last month."

"The cartoonist's letter is to compliment you on your humour and insight. A newspaper clipping of the cartoon was mailed to me from Tel Aviv by one of the McDonnell Aircraft representatives living in your country, and supporting the Eagle. Everyone knowledgeable about the first F-15 delivery has enjoyed the cartoon immensely because they all know the many difficulties we had to overcome, on both sides of the world, to even stage an arrival demonstration."

"You, of course, could not have known of all the controversy surrounding this event, but your cartoon appeared to have total insight nonetheless."

MUSIC can soothe the savage beast, as we all know. It seems that it can also help the growth process in plants.

Indian botanist Prof. T.G.N. Singh has found that *ragas* played on the flute or the violin are the most effective but that too much of a good thing — more than half an hour a day of a single *raga* makes the plants wither. The rhythm of Bharata Natyam, the classical South Indian dance, accompanied by music, had the same effect on daisies, marigolds and petunias. Apparently, repeated musical stimulation affects positive changes in the arrangement of chromosomes in plant cells, with "musically excited" mimosa plants passing on their newly acquired growth qualities to their offspring."

Not content with flowers, the professor went on to experiment with farm crops. He extended his field work to take in oats in Australia, wheat in Canada and maize, onions and tobacco in the United States. Increased yields of between 15 and 60 per cent were recorded.

The music chosen for the trials in India included *ragas* such as *Bhavi* in G Minor and D Minor. Half-hour broadcasts from loudspeakers placed between three and 15 metres from the plant were made once daily after sunrise. T.D.

### READERS' LETTERS

#### D.M.C. IDEALS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In his article of February 3, Asher Maniv accuses the Democratic Movement for Change of attaching greater importance to the technical means of achieving political aims than to the aims themselves. What is required, he suggests, is more "public vision and social values," and since Mr. Maniv is a devoted supporter of the Alignment, he presumably expects the vision and values to be provided by the Alignment, by the same band of leaders who have brought Israel to its present state.

It seems to me and to a growing number of other Israelis that we don't lack vision or values, but people who believe in them and intend to implement them. There is nothing very much wrong with the Alignment platform. It is only that it's leaders do not carry out the principles that they supposedly uphold.

Even in its few months of existence, the DMC has brought about changes on the Israeli political scene. Its devotion to internal democracy, whereby the rank-and-file members of a party decide on party leadership and policies, has caused the rank-and-file members of other parties to demand at least some of the rights enjoyed by members of the DMC. Its upholding of constituency elections has finally moved a lethargic Knesset to do something about them. Its openness to people and ideas have brought to its ranks thousands of Israelis who,

until now, had given up on politics, assuming that the party bosses and their cronies had a monopoly on power and influence.

Who would have believed only a few months ago that in Israel — where parties traditionally supported themselves by tapping into the public till — we would see a party financially supported by its members, who are not clamouring for material advantages, but for an improvement in the quality of Israeli life?

This doesn't represent a retreat from what Maniv terms "the old-fashioned national and social ideals." On the contrary, it shows that they can be implemented in an sphere of public life; and if the DMC maintains its present momentum, they will be implemented in other spheres, as well after the May elections.

NECHEMIA MEYERS Rehovot.

#### ALTERNATIVES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On May 17, the population of Israel will elect a new government. The choice is a crucial one, not only for the Israeli but can affect the very future of World Jewry.

The alternatives are, on the one hand, almost definite war, or the possibility of a move towards peace: war brought about by the present short-sighted policy of appeasement, indecisiveness, lack of confidence and the repartitioning of our homeland; the possibility of peace through a courageous policy of strength, determination to reasonably defendable borders which will make the Arabs realize the benefit of living in peace with Israel.

The alternatives are corruption, bureaucracy and a complete economic breakdown, or a system which will liberate the Israeli economy from the bonds that are constricting it, will encourage foreign investment, maximum efficiency in the field of economics by a free mixture of private enterprise and government-sponsored ventures.

We Jews in the Diaspora cannot vote, but we plead with you, the Israeli electorate, do not perpetuate the government of disaster by Mapai — vote Likud and so enable the Zionist dream to march on, make Israel an economically viable state, make aliyah not just a dream but a reality.

ERIC GRAUS, President, Herut Movement of Great Britain London.

#### YOUR PREJUDICES ARE SHOWING!

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was disgusted by the calculated public relations trick of several Christian clergymen whereby they obviously hoped to embarrass the Jewish polity in Jerusalem. In their letter to "The Times," they draw a parallel with a mythical situation in Bethel Green, but this comparison may not be as complimentary to their case as they suppose.

As a former resident of Bethel Green, I can attest that anti-Semitism was rife in the East End of London before World War II, and this has been well documented (see "Fascism in Britain" by Colin Cross). Jewish shops were smashed and Jews were beaten up. While the authorities did not officially discriminate against Jews, the police in the area were notoriously infiltrated by the Union movement. As a result of this situation, many Jews were forced to move elsewhere.

In the 1950-60's, the East End was being rebuilt and eviction orders were served on residents in mainly

Jewish areas. They were forced to accept them, often to their financial detriment as in one case I know, result of the government's "eminent domain." Neither Jewish nor Christian clergy sent letters to the press then, because apparently no one was motivated by a desire to take advantage of the situation to stir up public controversy.

The use of "eminent domain" to resettle Arabs, living in poverty in the Old City, in better accommodations is a comparable situation to that existing in the East End at that time. One difference, however, is that the Jews were previously totally on from the Old City by force, murder, and their quarter systematically destroyed.

Where were these churches then? Are they any more motivated to protest when the balance is being restored. Your Reverences, prejudices are showing!

JACK S. ODE Rehovot.

#### STIGMATIZING CHILDREN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — A distasteful numbers game is going on at present at Government level, in municipal offices in Jerusalem and in the press concerning the ratio of so-called "disadvantaged" pupils to "high-level" ones: schools with over 40, 60 or even up to 81% per cent are branded not suitable for children from families of Western origin "who are not culturally deprived." What snobbery!

From my personal experience with quite a few "disadvantaged" children, I can testify that many of them are bright and have the same potential for education, learning and

personal development as children, not relegated to these categories are excellent material as citizens and leaders. The only which may spoil their chances and in Israeli society is knowledge that, without being a choice, they attend a school which has been branded and has reputation of being a school for "disadvantaged."

Parents of Western origin school authorities must cease using our bright children (irrespective of the countries of origin of parents) the scapegoat of political aims and intrigues.

DR. WOLF S. MATZOH Jerusalem.

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**HATZOFE** (National Religious Party) writes in its second editorial that Dr. Waldheim represents the pro-Arab stand of the UN General Assembly and therefore cannot act as a mediator. The paper goes on to say that with the PLO leaders demanding a

"secular state in all parts of Palestine" and Sadat threatening a new war with Israel if she does not withdraw from "all the conquered territories," the Arabs are not prepared for negotiations without prior conditions.

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